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Neutral.

Nil.

Ayes: 50; Noes: 95; Neutral: Nil.

The motion was lost.

MR. SPEAKER: Now I will put the motion of the Hon. the Leader of the House to vote. The question is—

' That the matter of privilege regarding a publication in the " Nava Mani ", dated 1st March 1965 ' relating to the walk-out in the Legislative Assembly be referred to the Committee of Privileges ".

The motion was put and declared carried

SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN: Sir, I want that a poll be taken. There is a subtle difference between the motion of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram and this motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member can have that. I have no right to reject his demand under the rules.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: If you will permit me, Sir, I would like to submit that it is left to the descrition of the Hon. Speaker to comply with a demand for division. If the Speaker feels that the demand is frivolous, it is for him to decide the matter.

MR. SPEAKER: I will go through the relevant rule.

SRI V. KRISHNAMOORTHY: The hon. Member Sri Mathialagan expects some members belonging to the Congress Party to vote against the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Chair has got the discretion to determine or decide the method of taking votes.

The Hon. Speaker requested the Members who were FOR the motion moved by the Hon. the Chief Minister to stand.

All the hon. Members belonging to the Congress party present in the House stood.

The Hon. Speaker then requested all the Members who were AGAINST the motion moved by the Hon. the Chief Minister to stand.

Hon. Members belonging to the Opposition Parties present in the House stood.

MR. SPEAKER: I now declare that the motion moved by the Hon. the Chief Minister is passed.

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(2) OBSTRUCTION IN THE PATHWAY TO THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER BY THE POLICE.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Sir, I wish to raise a matter of privilege. I wish to bring this to the notice of the House through, you, Mr. Speaker. I could have raised it earlier.

*** Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

I had no time to do it. So, I want to raise it now. Let me explain the facts and leave the rest to the decision of the Speaker. If, after hearing me, the Speaker wants me to move a Privilege Motion, I shall do so. Or, he may take such appropriate action as he may deem necessary. I think the Police here are under the control of the Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER : Yes, certainly.

SRI M.KALYANASUNDARAM : Sir, the white-clad Police is supposed to be—why supposed to be—it is under the control of the Hon. Speaker when the Assembly is in session. Today, when I was proceeding to the Assembly Chamber from the Lounge Room, I found at the same time the Commissioner of the City Police was also just entering. Immediately, all the white-clad Police rushed there and formed a cordon so to say around him, thus obstructing the pathways. This is not proper. I do not object to the Commissioner of Police coming here. He can come here and also observe the Proceedings of the House. I am not afraid of it. Let him be present here. There were occasions when even that was objected to. That is a different matter.

MR. SPEAKER : I think the hon. Member's point is that there should not be any obstruction.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Yes. Even when the Hon. Chief Minister enters the Chamber, there is no such rush of the Police. The Hon. Speaker enters the Chamber without any such fuss. That being the case, why should the Police act in a different way when the Commissioner enters the Chamber and thus obstruct the pathways? They did not obstruct me from entering the Chamber. Then, it would have been a different matter. I must be fair to them. They did not obstruct me. However, there was some difficulty for us to wade through the passage. It is unbecoming and spoils the atmosphere of this House. I would request you to take suitable action in the matter.

MR. SPEAKER : I shall give necessary instructions in the matter.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : That will satisfy me, Sir.

(3) STATEMENT TO PRESS BY LEADERS OF OPPOSITION PARTIES.

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, சென்ற 2, 3 நாட்களாக கனம் எதிர்க்கட்சி உறுப்பினர்கள் நடந்துகொண்ட முறை நூதனமானது. அதற்கு மேலே நான் கூற விரும்பவில்லை. ஆனால் அதை அவர்கள் உரிமையாகவும் கொள்ளலாம். ஆனால் நான் இப்பொழுது எழுப்புகின்ற உரிமைப் பிரச்னை வேறு. நேற்று முன் தினம் பிஸினஸ் அட்வைசரி கமிட்டியிலே எப்படி இந்த நிகழ்ச்சிகள் நிரவ வேண்டுமென்று முடிவு செய்யப்பட்டது. அந்த முடிவின்படி இந்தச் சபை நடைபெறுகின்றது.